

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

We have carefully reviewed the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 17, 2008. In response to the Notice, Applicant has amended the status identifiers of claims 4-6 and canceled claims 11-16.

The corrections to the claims do not raise any new issues. Therefore, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks/arguments submitted on December 1, 2008.

In view of the amendments to the claims and foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectively submitted,

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